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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the title on the cover page, page 1, and the last page as follows:

**~~SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING~~  
WORD PATTERNS IN TEXT**

Please amend paragraph 1 on page 2 as follows:

The present invention relates to ~~systems and~~ methods for identifying word patterns referenced in text, and more specifically, to identifying the word patterns substantially in real time.

TR 5-27-08 Please amend paragraph 1 on page <sup>3</sup>/~~4~~ as follows:

The ~~system and~~ method of the present invention have been developed in response to the present state of the art, and in particular, in response to the problems and needs in the art that have not yet been fully solved by currently available ~~systems and~~ methods. Accordingly, it is an overall object of the present invention to provide a ~~system and~~ method that overcomes many or all of the above-discussed shortcomings in the art.

TR 5-27-08 Please amend paragraph 2 on page <sup>3</sup>/~~4~~ as follows:

To achieve the foregoing object, and in accordance with the invention as embodied and broadly described herein in the preferred embodiment, an improved ~~system and~~ method for identifying word patterns in text is provided. In certain disclosed embodiments, the ~~system~~ method for identifying objects referenced in a stream of text comprises an input pipeline configured to receive an incoming stream of text comprised of words; a text analysis module configured to consult a semantic network to automatically identify one or more word patterns in the incoming stream of text with a single examination of each word; and an object association module configured to reference a known object identified by a word pattern of the semantic network.